

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Shannon Reynolds called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Karen Mauer-Smith, Brett L. Wittner, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present.

Mayor Reynolds invoked Rule 20. Order of Business in the Fircrest City Council Rules and stated that the Council will modify the agenda to proceed with Agenda Item 7. Department Head Comments and Agenda Item 9. Public Comment. There were no objections noted by the Council.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Parks and Recreation Director Grover introduced the new Recreation Specialist Cindell Stacy. Ms. Stacy provided a brief background of her experience and education. The Council welcomed Ms. Stacy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment. There were no public comments.

Councilmember Viafore explained the Council procedures regarding the modified agenda to allow public comment before the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:07 P.M., Mayor Reynolds reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and to review the performance of a public employee, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

It was noted that City Manager Masko, Attorney Thomas Miller, and Attorney Hillary Evans were invited to the Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

City Manager Masko, Attorney Hillary Evans, and Police Chief Schaub were invited to review the performance of a public employee, pursuant to RCW 42.30110(1)(g).

Mayor Reynolds stated that the Council may take action following the Executive Session.

At 7:32 P.M., Mayor Reynolds reported that the Executive Session would be extended for another thirty (30) minutes, not to exceed 8:07 P.M.

At 8:07 P.M., the Council reconvened into regular session. No action was taken following the Executive Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. AWC Conference Delegates Discussion

Mayor Reynolds reported that the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is holding its annual conference, and the Council has the budget for two Councilmembers to attend the training. Councilmember Bufford expressed interest in attending the AWC Conference. There was a brief discussion on the Council training policy.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Acting City Clerk Burkhart commented on rescheduling the Council photo for September due to scheduling conflicts.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Viafore commented on the start time of the Executive Session to be available for attending public comments.
- Councilmember Mauer-Smith; no comment.
- Councilmember Wittner; no comment.
- Councilmember George commented on the City of Tacoma Charter Review Process and nonresident representation.
- Councilmember Bufford; no comment.
- Councilmember Andrews; no comment.
- Mayor Reynolds; no comment.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks, Recreation, and Sustainability

There was no report.

B. Police/Public Safety and Court

There was no report.

C. Public Works

Councilmember Andrews reported on the Public Works Office Coordinator hiring process, seasonal hires, and recently submitted grant applications.

D. Pierce County Regional Council

Mayor Reynolds reported on Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier’s update report, the Blake Decision discussion, jail impacts, and school funding post-McCleary decision update.

E. Other Liaison Reports

Councilmember Bufford reported on the Centennial Committee, including event ideas, draft logos, and logistics.

Councilmember George reported that the Planning and Building department continues to be short-staffed, and staff is reviewing applications.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Reynolds requested the Acting City Clerk read the Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Check No. 221144 through 221190 in the amount of \$147,642.68
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$152,571.37
- B. Registering no objections to the Royal Thai Bistro Liquor License Renewal.

Registering no objections to the Nari Sushi & Steak Liquor License Renewal.

C. Approval of the April 09, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes.

Councilmember Wittner MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Councilmember Bufford.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1896: State of WA Surplus Interlocal Agreement

Acting City Manager Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the agreement provides another option for the City to use for the disposal of surplus property.

Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1896, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES) for surplus operations services; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith. Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comment; there was none. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

B. Resolution No. 1897: Approval of the 2024 Stormwater Management Program Plan Update

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the 2024 updates to the City's Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMP) and highlighted that the SWMP will ensure the City's compliance with the Department of Ecology's Western Washington Phase II NPDES Permit requirements. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1897, adopting the City of Fircrest's 2024 Stormwater Management Program Plan Update; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comment; there was none. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

C. Resolution No. 1898: Approval of the 2023-2025 Stormwater Capacity Grant Agreement

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the grant provides additional funding for NPDES compliance. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1898, authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the 2023-2025 Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant in the amount of \$130,000; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comment; there was none. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

D. Resolution No. 1899: Wellhouse #7 Construction Bid Award

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the project will address the repairs needed to Wellhouse #7. **Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1899, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Public Works Contract with Garages, Etc. for the Wellhouse #7 Repair Project; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comment. There was a brief discussion on restitution. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

E. Resolution No. 1900: Electron Way/Contra Costa Avenue Project Design Contract

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the project is funded by a Local and Community Projects Program grant. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1900, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with KPG Psomas for engineering design services for the Electron Way & Contra Costa Avenue Intersection Improvement Project; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comment. Council discussions included safety improvements, project timelines, and speeding. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

F. Memorandum of Understanding - Fircrest Police Schedule Change

Police Chief Schaub briefed the Council on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Fircrest Police Guild to provide for a six-month trial of a 12-hour shift for police officers. **Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1901, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fircrest Police Guild to implement a modified 12-hour shift schedule for a six-month trial period; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comment. Council discussions included trial period and officer fatigue. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

G. Resolution No. 1902: NW Copier Lease Agreement

Acting City Manager Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the agreement will provide the Police Department with a newer copier on a sixty-month lease. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1902, authorizing the City Manager to execute a sixty-month copier lease and maintenance agreement with Copiers Northwest to replace the current Police Department copier; seconded by Councilmember Wittner.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comment. There was a brief comment on using the consent calendar. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

APRIL 23, 2024

FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR 5

Councilmember Viafore requested the status of the Police motorcycle and the sale of the Public Works Bucket Truck.

Councilmember Bufford commented on the Whittier Park Master Plan Public Meeting postcard.

There was a brief discussion on declaring a special meeting for the Whittier Park Master Plan Public Meeting No. 3.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 P.M., seconded by Councilmember George.

The Motion Carried (7-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor



Arlette Burkhart, Acting City Clerk